

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Wrangell****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000144****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

## Wrangell - Boat Yard Improvements

**State Funding Requested: \$9,500,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 2 / A****Brief Project Description:**

Project will fund improvements to Wrangell's Boat Yard by adding concrete paving to the entire yard and allowing for the addition of a travel lift.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$9,500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$9,500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The project will fund improvements for the Wrangell boat yard. Wrangell's boat yard activity has exploded over the last two years. Paving of the boat yard would allow for Wrangell to take on heavier boats and also allow for more boat yard work to occur, which is currently limited due to the boat yard being dirt.

Wrangell has been working very diligently to diversify our economy over the last decade through investments in the seafood and marine repair industries. Trident Seafoods along with many individuals in the marine repair trade have also invested in Wrangell in an attempt to sustain and create new employment opportunities in Wrangell.

The Wrangell Marine Service Center upland improvement project currently on the Capital Projects list is a vital part of the success of both of these industries in Wrangell. The project includes concrete replacement in the Marine Service Center. This area is the former site of the old downtown lumber mill. The existing concrete was placed about 30 + years ago over lumber slabs and waste. The site has been settling for many years and with the addition of the Marine Travelift and the ever-growing forklifts for the seafood industry, the rate of settling has increased drastically and safety has become a very real concern. Both the Travelift and the large forklifts have broken through the concrete already and the thought of a load being dropped is on the minds of all involved. With the success of the Marine Service Center the traffic within the yard has increased and there are literally people working all over the place and guaranteeing safe travel corridors for the equipment is a must to avoid what could become a tragic accident.

Another issue within the Marine Service Center is storm water control to remain in compliance with the DEC and EPA. Because of the broken, uneven concrete the storm water and potentially polluted runoff cannot be directed and treated prior to being discharged to the marine environment. New, safe concrete that is designed to direct the storm water to oil, water separators before it is discharged would aid in our ability to remain in compliance and remain a proactive and environmentally friendly marine repair facility.

**\$3,700,000  
Approved**

**Project Timeline:**

FY12-FY14

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

The City and Borough of Wrangell

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



# CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

## PORT & HARBORS DEPARTMENT

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Senator Stedman,

As you are aware, the City and Borough of Wrangell has been working very diligently to diversify our economy over the last decade. We have done so by investing in the seafood and marine repair industries. Trident Seafoods along with many individuals in the marine repair trade have also invested in Wrangell in an attempt to sustain and create new employment opportunities in Wrangell.

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Thank you for your support and consideration,

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Greg Meissner

Wrangell Harbormaster



4/27/2011

Senator Stedman,

Trident Seafood's is writing this letter in support of a proposed project to replace the concrete in the Marine Service Center in Wrangell.

As you know, Trident Seafoods has made a significant investment in our Wrangell processing plant, and hope to continue to expand our production in the future. We are anticipating over 25 million lb. of salmon to run through our lines this year, up from 14 million in 2010.

All of our product is shipped via containers, both export and domestic. These containers, many over 50,000 gross lb., and handled via forklifts in the MSC. This forklift traffic, along with the expanded use of the MSC and a ship repair facility, has taken its toll on the existing concrete. In the short time Trident has been in Wrangell, we have seen significant settling and cracking. It has, at times, become a safety hazard! There are areas where it is not safe to drive forklifts, whether it is AML large forklifts or even our small 5,000 lb. forklifts. I am very concerned about container damage and about how much damage could take place to the surface this summer with our increased production.

In addition to the stated safety issues, the dirt/dust/mud that is increasing as the concrete breaks down is a concern for processing and food safety. I would also assume that the ship repair facilities also have a negative impact from the dust. A new, unbroken surface would allow all concerned to operate more safely and efficiently!

We heartily support the proposed project to resurface the MSC in Wrangell! If there are any questions regarding this letter or our usage of the MSC, please feel free to contact myself or our Chief Engineer, Ray Keith, at 907-874-3346.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Jacques". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marty Jacques  
Plant Manager  
Trident Seafoods- Wrangell





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To Whom It May Concern:

Alaska Marine Lines in the last couple of years has been servicing Trident Seafoods in what has become the Wrangell Boat Yard. This property was the old Wrangell saw mill located downtown Wrangell. The cement is at least 30 years old and designed for much lighter loads.

Our normal load for Trident is a 40' reefer full of fish. The weight of the reefer when loaded is around 65,000 lbs. This combined with the large forklifts (120,000lbs) has pushed the old yard to the breaking point. We have broken through the cement in at least half a dozen areas with our forklift tires. The ground has gotten considerably worse to drive across safely, it is no longer flat.

Our activity along with the City's travel lift hauling boats is breaking down this area considerably.

This summer we will be moving around 400 full reefers for Trident Seafoods across this yard. This doesn't take into account other support equipment of supplies. We could handle close to 600 vans. In other words traffic will increase across this yard leading to more stress on the old yard.

It's our understanding that there is money set aside to resurface this area in the State's Budget. I would like to add our name to the list of supporters to have this project go forward. Without it, this area will eventually need more money in the future to bring it up to a safe level for supporting the Seafood industry and the local boat haul out.

Thank you,

Greg McCormack

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